SCHWABMESSENGERMURDERED

CRIME CONFESSED BY HIS WIFE'S BROTHER, THE POLICE SAY.

Ress Struck White With an Axe in the Hallway of His Home—Had Been Summoned From Philadelphia by His Sister-Wife, Brother and Weman Who Told Jailed.

That Edward B. White, the negro who was employed as a messenger by Charles M. Schwab and afterward by W. E. Corey in the office of the president of the United States Steel Corporation, and who was found dying at the basement door of his home, 234 West Fifty-third street, early Monday evening, was murdered in the hallway by his wife's brother, William Ross, is the conclusion that the police have arrived at from the stories told by Ross, Mrs. White and Mrs. Annie Halsey, who boarded with the Whites.

All three are now under arrest at the Forty-seventh street station. At the station there is also an axe with which, as the police say, Ross confessed that he struck White.

He told Capt. Hayes that he stumbled over the axe as he was going to the door o let White in and that he came immediately to the conclusion that it was a good time to go for White.

"I didn't mean to kill him," he said. "I just wanted to maim him. He had abused my sister and had threatened to shoot her. I hit him on the head first and then struck him in the chest. I had been in the house since Feb. 23. I came on from Philadelphia. I was working there as a longshoreman. I got sick and wrote to my sister for \$5. She sent me \$3 and told me to come on and live with her."

White was found at the basement door of his home on Monday evening by Letter Carrier John F. Lehr. Lehr thought that White was drunk and said something about it to somebody else, who told a policeman. Then it was discovered that White's skull was fractured. He was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, where he died on

An autopey showed that White's skull had been crushed on the right side and three ribs on that side had been broken. doctors thought White had fallen the stoop and the police thought so, On Friday an anonymous postcard sent to the West Side court declared that White had been murdered. This was turned over to the West Forty-seventh street police. Yesterday William Bird, a negro, went to the station house and said that Mrs. Stevenson, a negrees of 156 West Fifty-third street, had told him that Mrs. Halsey had told her that White was murdered.

The captain sent for the Stevenson woman She said that the Halsey woman had told her that Mrs. White and her brother Ross

another start for the door, and this time I saw Ross dragging White out. All I could see of White was his legs. In a moment Ross came in. He had an axe, and it was all blood. There was a pool of blood in the hall. Mrs. White and Ross got rags and mopped this up. They tried to get me to clean the blood off the axe. I wouldn't, so Ross took it to the faucet and washed the blood off.

After getting this story from the woman Capt. Hayes went to Ross's cell. When the captain left him he sent two detectives to the Fifty-third street house and they returned with an axe. Then Hayes said: "Ross just told me that he struck White with an axe and that he had buried the axe under some coal in the cellar. My men found it there.

There was no visible sign of blood on the axe. It was very rusty.

DEPARTMENT STORE MERGER. The Henry Siegel Corporation With

Capital of \$10,000,000

Plans are under way for the formation of a department store company to be known as the Henry Siegel Corporation, with 4,250,000 of preferred stock and \$6,500,000 of common stock, to take over the capital stock of Siegel, Cooper & Co. of Chicago, the Simpson-Crawford Company of New York, the Fourteenth Street Store of New York and later to take in a department store which will be put up in Boston. The Henry

ests heretofore associated with them. BITUMINOUS STRIKE COMING.

Siegel Corporation is being organized

by Henry Siegel, Frank E. Vogel and inter-

Miners Reject the Compromise Offered

by Operators-The Latter Leave. INDIANAPOLIS, March 5 .- The bituminous coal miners of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio an western Pennsylvania, in convention here to-day, voted down the compromise proposition of the operators late this evening In so doing they take the responsibility of the suspension of mining after Apr. 1.

It is highly probable to-night that a strike to go into effect at once, may be declared on Monday. The operators have left the city, saying they will prepare at once to meet the threatened suspension of their

The compromise scale proposed by the mine owners provided for a reduction of 5 cents a ton in the cost of mining 11/2 inch mesh screened lump coal in western Pennsylvania thin vein, the Hocking Valley, and in the bituminous and block mixes in Indiana, and a reduction of 3 cents a ton on mise run pick mining in the bituminous districts of Indiana and Illinois.

The prices of machine mining were to be reduced four cents a ton on screened lump

in the Hocking valley, and three centers ton on the mine run—machine mining—in Indiana and Illinois.

President Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis, Secretary Wison and other officers argued in layor of account to the secretary with the secretary in favor of accepting the reduction and were backed by able speeces by men on the floor, but the sentiment of the majority was against them. Most of the opposition was from the Indiana and Illinois districts. The national officers not only took the ground that the times were not favorable for a strike, but also that the miners have

gained far more by joint relations of oper-ators and miners than otherwise.

TO USE ANTARCTIC VESSEL. Canada to Send a Ship Around to the Mac-

kenzie River. OTTAWA, March 5 .- Capt. Bernier who is desirous of discovering the North Pole for Canada, is to realize part of a great ambition of his life. He is to navigate a Government vessel through Behring Sea into Beaufort Sea and thence to the mouth of the Mackenzie River.

The vessel is the Gauss (steam barkentine), built three years ago for the German expedition to the Antarctic at a cost of \$137,000. The Canadian Government is paying \$75,000 for her. The Gauss is now in Bremerhaven, and Capt. Bernier will leave for Europe week after next with a Canadian crew to bring her to Canada.

The Gauss first will take relief stores and coal for the Government steamer Neptune, at present wintering in Hudson Bay, and will start later in the summer on her long journey to the mouth of the Mackenzie River, going around Cape Horn. She will assert British sovereignty. Illegal trading on the part of United States sealers will be suppressed and customs duties collected for goods brought into Canadian territory.

DETECTIVES QUEER ACTIONS. Magistrate Will Tell Jerome of a Complaint

Made by Their Prisoner. Magistrate Ommen, in the Essex Market police court yesterday, threatened to call the attention of District Attorney Jerome and Police Commissioner McAdoo to the alleged actions of Lawyer Abram Pearlman of 62 Essex street and Detective Sergeants Charles McCarthy and Edward Sugden in connection with the arrest of Adolph Haro-

connection with the arrest of Adolph Haro-witz of f44 East Fifth street on a charge of grand larceny on Friday night.

The detectives, who are attached to the Madison street station, searched Harowitz in the station house and took from him a gold and a silver watch, a gold chain and fob and \$% in cash, which were placed in an envelope. Harowitz spent the night in a cell.

When he was arraigned yesterday in the police court he was defended by Pearlman and discharged for lack of evidence. It was charged that he stole a diamond stud, but it developed that he had taken the diamond to have it tested and had no intertion of steading it.

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Shortly after his release Lawyer J. Lem Braumacker appeared in court and said that he had been originally retained in the case and while on the way to the court the detectives took Harowitz into Pearlman's office and turned the jewelry and money over to Pearlman. Harowitz made a sworn statement that he was approached by a man in Essex street, who advised him to hire Pearlman, and that the detectives took him at once to Pearlman's office. He declared that the jewelry and money were handed to Pearlman by the detectives and that he had no chance to object.

The Magistrate sent for Pearlman, who admitted taking the property, but said the transaction took place on the sidewalk and that Harowitz took the property from the detectives and then handed it to him.

"I took the \$20 for a fee," said Pearlman, "and the man's jewelry is in my office waiting for him."

"I order a complaint against the lawyer and the two detectives on a charge of extortion," said the Magistrate, with much show of indignation.

He afterward changed his mind, how-

ing exceptionally good time for the season.
Mucha, the Bohemian poster artist, who
was a passenger on the Loraine, forgot to
declare some valuable trinkets, including
a pencil inlaid with diamonds, and was
permitted to pay the \$35 duty on them.
The Cunarder Lucania, from Liverpool
and Queenstown, reported the loss of a

and Queenstown, reported the loss of a second cabin passenger, James Mellors, who jumped overboard in midocean on Tuesday morning. He was a linen manufacturer in Nottingham until a few months ago, when he failed, it is said, because of a rise in the price of raw material. He became melancholy after settling up his affairs and finding that he was practically penniless. Two weeks ago he got an offerof work from a friend in Brooklyn and his mother and sister gave him enough his mother and sister gave him enough money to pay his passage to this port, and \$35 to assist him after he had landed. In \$35 to assist him after he had landed. In showing this money to some of his fellow voyagers at dinner on Monday night he lamented that a strong man should have been compelled to accept help from his mother and sister.

The next morning Able Seaman Christensen saw him hop over the rail forward. The ship was stopped and cruised about to find trace of Mellors. A lifeboat was

to find trace of Mellors. A lifeboat was manned and swung out on the davits, but as Mellors did not come to the surface the Lucania resumed her voyage.

Stanley Bois, Commissioner from Ceylon to the St. Louis exposition, was a passenger by the Lucania. He brings a let of Ceylon products. He said the Ceylon building would be a reproduction of the Temple of Buddha's Tooth.

On the same day that Mellors jumped to his death from the Lucania, Joseph Connors, a second cabin passenger aboard the Anchor liner Ethiopia, from Glasgow and Moville, hanged himself in the ship's hospital with a towel. He had had an attack of delirium tremens in the early part of the voyage. remens in the early part of the voyage.

YALE PROFS. FIGHT FIRE. Prof Fisher's Valuable Library Saved by

Prof. Schwab and a Wheelbarrow. NEW HAVEN, March 5 .- The Yale professors on Prospect Hill got out of bed this morning to fight a fire which broke out at 6:30 o'clock in the \$100,000 home of out at 6:30 o'clock in the \$100,000 home of Prof. Irving Fisher of the economics department. With the thermometer near the zero point they formed a fire brigade under the direction of Prof. John C. Schwab, head of the political economy department, and T. G. Bennett, president of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. At least \$20,000 worth of bric-a-brac, books and pictures were saved by the brigade.

One of the first on the scene was Prof. Schwab, who picked up a wheelbarrow on his way to the fire.

"Where is your silver?" shouted Prof. Schwab.

"Never mind the silver," said Prof. Fisher, save my books."
His library, one of the largest and finesi in the city, occupied two rooms, but Prof. Schwab and Lewis S. Welch, editor of the Yale Alumni Weekly, carried all the books

Schwab and Lewis S. Well, earried all the books away in the wheelbarrow.

Mr. Bennett, with a valuable Turkish rug over his shoulders and two statues under his arms, carried several rare paintings to his home across the street. Everything was taken out of the house except a bed and a cookstove.

Four maids carried the three young children, who were ill with grip, across the street to the Bennett's. Mrs. Fisher left town in the early part of the week for Florida for her health.

The house is on the top of a long hill, and the fire department had great difficulty in reaching the blaze, as the horses could drag only part of the apparatus up the slippery hill. When the firemen finally arrived they could get little water pressure at that height.

The loss is \$35,000, covered by insurance. The fire was discovered in the, cellar by

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HOBBINS'S BODY IS FOUND. THE CHURCH TREASURER DIS-

APPEARED IN NOVEMBER. Policeman Finds His Corpse in Cronwell's Creek, and It is Thought That He Killed Himself-Had Worried Greatly

Over Dissension in His Church. The body of Joseph H. Hobbins, who disappeared from his home at 146 Union street, High Bridge, on Tranksgiving eve was found last night in Cromwell's Creek, at 161st street, The Bronx. The recent breaking up of the ice had brought the body to the surface, and it was noticed by

Policeman Mann of the High Bridge station. The body was removed to the station house, where it was identified by Policeman Curran, who had been assigned to the case at the time of Hobbins's disappearance. It was removed later to an undertaking establishment.

Hobbins was 60 years old and lived with his wife at 146 Union street. He had no children. He kept a small dry goods and grocery store at 1164 Ogden avenue, High

The police said last night that Hobbins was undoubtedly a suicide from worry over dissension in his church. Eight years ago, when he went to live in High Bridge, he was active in the establishment of St. Alban's Episcopal Church at 164th street and Summit avenue, of which the Rev. R. H. Wevill is rector. Hobbins was

reasurer. Over a year ago Joseph Alton, who was preparing for the ministry and had been made a lay reader at St. Alban's by Bishop Potter, had a disagreement with his rector, which later resulted in Alton's resignation. Alton had been popular with many of the members of the church, and the matter was not dropped when he left. Hobbins took the affair much to heart, and declared that t was a great pity that church members could not live in harmony.
On Thanksgiving eve he went home,

emoved what jewelry he wore, and went out. He was not seen again until his body was found at 7 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Hobbins said last night that she wished the church to have nothing to do with her husband's funeral. She would look after that alone, she said. The Rev. Mr. We vill said that a meeting of the vestry would be called and suitable resolutions

FASSETT'S FIGHT FOR CONGRESS. Unless He or Gillett Is Called Off, & Demoerat Will Be Elected.

ELMIRA, March 5. - Unless President Roosevelt tells either Charles W. Gillett that he cannot go back to Congress for another term, or J. Sloat Fassett that he will have to wait a while before his ambition to sit in the lower House of Congress

She said that the Halsey woman had told ber that Mrs. White and her brother Ross had hatched a plot "to kill the messenger at the door; that Ross took an axe from the kitchen and hid it out in front where he could get at it readily, and that when the messenger came home at the usual time on Monday Ross met him at the door with the axe, and she saw Ross dragging the messenger's body out the street door.

On this the police went out and got Ross Mrs. White and Mrs. Halsey was at first very hysterical and talked in such an incoherent way that the police thought she didn't really know what she was talking about.

Coroner Scholer, however, went to hercell and got what he thought an ample confession. According to the Coroner, she said that she. Ross send Mrs. White white when white knocked at the outside door.

"The door was usually open," she said, "and White used to walk right in. This time he couldn't. Ross went to the door, and I heard a scuffle in the hall.

"I started out to see what the matter was and Mrs. White grabbed me, saying," Mind your own business."

I' went back to the kitchen, but I made another start for the door, and this time.

All the detectives and then said the man's jewelry is in my office waiting for him."

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Two LINERS REPORT SUICIDES.

Ruined Linen Manufacturer Drowns Himself From the Lucanis.

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to the Chemung and Schuyler delegates, but Gillett, who was sure of the Steuben delegates, who are double in number those of other counties, objected to Fassett carrying off all the honors without a struggle, and a contest was made in Seneca county, and another convention, which elected Gillett delegates, was held.

The Congress committee to select the date and place for the nominating convention was called to meet in Corning this afternoon. The Gillett forces evidently did not like this carrying of the battle into their admitted territory and the committee divided. The result was two Congress committees, two meet-

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ventions.

The meeting held by the Fassett faction decided to issue a call for the Congress convention to be held in this city on Saturday, April 9. The Gillett forces met later and issued a call for the nominating convention to be held in Bath on Thursday, March 31. One will nominate Fassett and the other Gillett for Congress. Both are rich men and fighters of known ability, and the campaign will be a lively one, but the district is not strongly enough Republican to allow of the election of either under the circumstances.

WALL COMING TO NEW YORK. Candidate for Presidential Nomination to See Eastern Leaders.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 5 .- Edward C. Wall, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, left here to-night for New York to consult leading Eastern Demo-crats in relation to his candidacy. He expects to be in the East for several weeks and will also visit Washington before his

return.

Wall was brought out as a candidate several weeks ago, and although it seemed at that time that Hearst would have the Wisconsin delegation, it is now conceded that its strength will go for Wall. He is a strong gold Democrat, but managed the Bryan campaign in Wisconsin when he was State committeeman.

Odell's Man Nominated in Washington

County. GLENS FALLS, N. Y., March 5 .- The Washington county Republicans to-day reington county Republicans to-day renominated Gov. Odell's man, James S.
Parker, for Assembly. James L. McArthur
of Granville, candidate for State Treasurer,
named the delegates to the State Convention, and State Committeeman Baker the
Congressional and Senatorial delegations.
Baker is a candidate for Congress from the
Rensselaer-Washington district. All was
harmony, on the surface at least.

ABELL WANTS 4 YEARS' PAY. Was Appointed Police Commissioner and

Then Legislated Out. Henry E. Abell, whom Mayor Van Wyck made a Police Commissioner in 1900 to act made a Police Commissioner in 1900 to act for four years, but who was legislated out of office on Feb. 22, 1901, has begun proceedings against the city to recover \$9,291 in back pay from the date of his removal to Jan. 1, of this year, when his term would have expired. He holds that his appointment for a term of years entitled him to draw the salary even though he was legislated out of office.

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Abell also contends, through his counsel, Louis J. Grant, that his removal was illegal, and that he has always been ready to serve and has regularly demanded his salary. Notice of his claim has been served on Comptroller Grout, and on an order made by Justice Truax Abell was examined yesterday in the Comptroller's office concerning his relaim. He insisted that he was legally entitled to be paid for his full term and Comptroller Grout decided to refer the claim to the Corporation Counsel's office. Should it be rejected, Abell's lawyer will immediately bring suit for the full amount.

HELD AS KNOX'S ACCOMPLICE. H. B. Gordon, Thought to He Schoonover,

INDIANAPOLIS, March 5.—H. B. Gordon, whose real name is believed to be John Schoonover of Buffalo, N. Y., was arrested to-day in Portland and held in \$10,000 bail on a complaint alleging that he con-spired with Robert J. Knox to defraud the Citizens' Bank of that place out of \$10,000 by presenting a forged check.

Robert J. Knox, alias R. E. Drake, is under arrest in Columbus, Ohio, and will be taken to Portland for trial. The requisition papers issued by Gov. Durbin for the return of Knox to Indiana, proved to be faulty, and the Sheriff will remain until they are corrected.

Knox received a blow last evening which seriously disabled his defence. He employed one of the best attorneys in Colum bus to contest his return to Indiana and gave him a check on a New York bank as a retainer. The detective, hearing of this check, wired to the Brooklyn bank said to have been defrauded out of several thousand dollars by Knox, and Knox's deposit was levied upon, thus shutting off the attorney's retaining fee.

PRISON DUEL TO THE DEATH. Colored Convicts Stab and Slash Each Other

in Their Cell at Trenton. TRENTON, N. J., March 5 .- Two colored convicts, Elmer Durant and Henry Jones, engaged in a quarrel at the State prison to-day, and Durant was killed and Jones was severely, perhaps fatally, injured. The men were employed in the laundry and had hardly been returned to their cell when they began a fight, Durant being armed with a penknife and Jones with the blade of a pair of scissors.

Jones received a number of ugly cuts, but succeeded in stabbing his opponent six times with the scissors blade. The whole wing of the prison was in an uproar during the fight. Both men were bleeding freely when they were dragged spart by he deputy keepers.

Durant died in about half an hour. Jones s in the prison hospital in a critical condition due to loss of blood. It was necessary to amputate his hand. There had been some ill feeling between the two men. Durant was serving a ten-year, sentence from Hudson county and Jones was a seven year man from Union county.

GOFF ON EXPERT TESTIMONY

He Tells Physicians How He Regards It -Dr. Finley Tells of Strange Bacteria.

The twenty-second annual dinner of the Society of Medical Jurisprudence was held at the Hotel Savoy last night. President John Huston Finley of the College of the City of New York spoke on "Psychic Bac-teria" and Recorder John W. Goff made an impromptu speech about expert testimony Theodore Sutro was toastmaster.

President Finley began by saying Psychic bacteria consign our bodies to the doctors, our estates to the lawyers and our souls to their ultimate destinations, either the realms of heaven or the realms of the fumigated. They are invisible, but so is the yellow fever germ; they are intangible, but so is electricity; they are elusive, but so is the flea."

He classified the bacteria as the "bacillus parasiticus," the "micrococcus egotisticus," not to be confused with the "magnum champagnicum," which is productive of the "magnum cephalum," the "spirellum practicum" and the "bacillus mortuus neus." The latter, he said, is the dead line bacillus which attacks a man when he ceases to do his best. It strikes lawyers, said he, at 50 and doctors at 60.

After enumerating several other strange and hitherto undiscovered bacilli. he said that teachers could vaccinate against these intellectual bacteria.

intellectual bacteria.

Recorder Goff spoke sarcastically of the "volumes of expert testimony given by so-called real estate experts" when the Metropolitan elevated was built. He de-Metropolitan elevated was built. He declared that expert testimony was illuminating to the minds of the jury, but not proof conclusive, and that he was not in favor of a board of experts. All that can be expected of experts, said the Recorder, is a lead in the right direction.

Prof. John M. Tyler of Amherst College, speaking on "Our Hill Towns," dwelt on the longevity of the natives of the country.

A man 85 years old, said the professor, once told him that he didn't want to live to be old, and was quite satisfied to die

be old, and was quite satisfied to die Samuel J. Barrows, D. D.; Dr. John Allan Wyeth and Dr. Frank Sherman Meara were the other speakers.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

MINIATURE ALMANAC-THIS DAY Sun rises.....6:29 Sun sets.....5:57 Moon rises.11:27 HIGH WATER—TRIS DAT. Sandy Hook..10:82 Gov I'd....11:24 Hell Gate... 1:17

Arrived—Saturdat, March 5.

Ss Lucania, Liverpool, Feb. 27.
Ss New York, Southampton, Feb. 27.
Ss Pretoria, Hamburg, Feb. 21.
Ss Ethiopia, Glasgow, Feb. 20.
Ss Brilliant, Shields, Feb. 18.
Ss Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Feb. 22.
Ss Prinzessin Victoria Luise, Nassau, March 2.
Ss Bernard, Manoas, Feb. 14.
Ss Pretoria, Bermuda, March 3.
Ss Pretoria, Bermuda, March 5.
Ss Raperanza, Vera Cruz, Feb. 25.
Ss Arapahoe, Jacksonville, March 2.
Ss Limition, Norfolk, March 4.
Ss Kansas City, Savannah, March 2.
Ss Northeastern, Port Arthur, Tex., Feb. 24.
Ss Colorado, Galveston, Feb. 27.
Ss Goldsboro, Philadelphia, March 4.
Bark Mary C. Hale, Fernandina, Feb. 15.
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ARRIVED OUT. Statendam, from New York at Rotterdam. Campania, from New York at Liverpool. Bordeaux, from New York at Havre

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Ss Kroonland, from Antwerp for New York.
Ss Noordam, from Rotterdam for New York.
Ss Astoria, from Glasgow for New York.
Ss Victorian, from Liverpool for New York.

Hamilton, Norfolk Sail Tuesday, March 8.

Rotterdam, Rotterdam, 7 30 A M.
Sardegna, Naples, 8 30 A M.
Yucatan, Colon, 9 30 A M.
Monroe, Norfolk.
Arapahoe, Charleston,
Kansas City, Savannah,
St. Andrew, Antwerp,
Sail Wednesday, March 9 Oceanic, Liverpool... Pretoria, Bermuda... Jefferson, Norfolk.... Comus, New Orleans. Colorado, Galveston. INCOMING STEAMSHEPS

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MANY FLEE BEFORE FLOODS.

ICE GORGES FIFTY FEET HIGH IN PLACES RAISE WATERS.

Families Driven From Their Homes in Harrisburg and 1,500 Men Out of Work-West Side of Steelton Five Feet Under Water and 4,000 Employees Idle

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5 .- The city facing flood danger the equal of which has never been known in this section. The high water and ice have driven upward of 200 families from their homes, many getting away with only their clothing. Some ound places with friends, and others are being cared for in halls, schools and market houses. All industries in the lower end of the city are shut down, and over 1,500 men are out of work.

Coming toward the city is a big flood from the north branch of the Susquehanna River. The only hope for relief is in the breaking of the ice gorges at McCall's Ferry, Bainbridge, and at Middletown, covering a distance of nearly twenty miles. In many places the ice is fifty feet high.

The ice at Highspire, which caused considerable back water, moved this afternoon out gorged again near Yorkhaven, where damage was done to the large power plant and to the Yorkhaven paper mills. Late this evening it was reported that the paper mills were on fire and would be totally de stroyed.

The west side of Steelton is covered with five feet of water, which is slowly rising to-night. The big steel plant is not moving a wheel, and 4,00° employees of the Pennsylvania Steel Company are idle.

There is much suffering in Middletown, and indications are to-night that the damage will reach thousands of dollars. Nearly two hundred families were forced to leave their homes. The big plant of the National Tube and Iron Company is flooded and 700 men are out of work. Much damage has peen done to the machinery. In the business listrict fourteen stores are closed.

The town is without light or water supply Through trains to Philadelphia and New York are being sent over the Reading road to Birdsboro, where connection is made with the Schuylkill branch of the Penn-

MAY GET BIG NEW YORK FENCE.

Evans, the Burglar, Says He Will Tell Police

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.- Developments that promise to lead to the arrest of the heads of a gigantic fence, with its headquarters in New York, are looked for from he arrest of John Evans, the "cellar window" man, who was arrested on Thursday after the police had tracked him down through the accidental shooting of his wife's cousin, Irene Mansure, in his home, on Sixth street below Moore.

Evans admits having done many jobs, and has even expressed a willingness to go to New York with the detectives and point out the fence where he says he has disposed of the cream of his plunder. By nelping the police and giving this information Evans hopes to mitigate his sentence. which may be anything from ten to twenty

years.

Already thirty-five positive cases have been made out against Evans. Fully 1,000 persons thronged detective headquarters at the city hall to-night in an attempt to identify the jewelry which fell into the hands of the police with the arrest of the prisoner. Out of the immense throng that fought and squeezed into the big room where the goods were displayed thirty-five victims of Evans's dishonesty identified more than half of the articles as having been stolen from their homes in the last four or five months. Only two of the victims were able to recognize Evans by sight.

The most valuable of the plunder is missing. Not a diamond was found in the entire lot, although this was Evans's chief loot. Many rings were found with the stones clipped out, and brooches and stick pins were thus despoiled.

WILL REFUTE SMITH'S WORDS.

Testimony Coming to Prove That Piural Marriages Have Occurred Since Manifesto. SALT LAKE CITY, March 5 .- Protestants against Senator Smoot will introduce, it is said, testimony to refute statements of President Joseph F. Smith that no polygamous marriages have been performed since the manifests of 1890. One instance is that of Abraham M. Cannon, an apostle of the church, who married a girl to whom his brother, David, was engaged. David died while on a mission to Germany. This wedding occurred several years subsequent to the manifesto against polygamy Abraham Cannon had three or four other

The church authorities gave out at the time that Lillian Hamlin had been "sealed" to his deceased brother's flancé in order that he might raise up children to that

that he might talse up thindred to the brother.

Another case was that of Apostle George Tegsdale and Marian Scoles, a young school-teacher. Sie died in childbirth, and was buried with apostolic honors. Among those at the funeral was President Smith. It was duly declared that Marian Scoles had been "sealed" to Apostle Teasdale and was his wife. A gravestone attests this. This marriage must have occurred since 1833, for prior to that time the girl was in England.

Bishop Lorin Harmer, when accused of polygamous cohabitation with Ellen Anderson, who had borne him a son, replied that he would not betray his church, but would rather plead guilty to adultery. He did

rather plead guilty to adultery. so and was sentenced to one year in prison and a fine. There are several other similar

PEACEMAKER'S BLOW FATAL. Joyce, in Trying to Stop a Quarrel, Fells

Rooney, Fracturing His Skull.

As the result of a drunken dispute vesterday in front of the saloon at 52 East Fortyfirst street, John Rooney, 38 years old, of 310 East Thirty-ninth street was killed, and Martin Joyce of 229 East Eightieth street was locked up in the Grand Central police station charged with manslaughter. Henry Paul of 313 East Seventieth street

also was arrested.

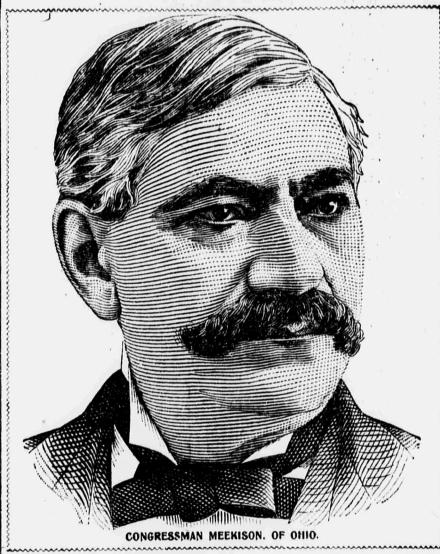
The men were employed on the new
Hotel Belmont. At noon Rooney and
Paul were having a dispute in the street. when Joyce, m attempting to prevent Rooney from punching Paul, struck the former a powerful blow with his fist. Rooney fell to the street, fracturing his skull. He was dead when a Flower Hospital ambulance arrived. Rooney leaves a widow and four children.

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FOR THIRTY YEARS

Congressman Meekison Suffered With Catarrh—Read His Endorsement of Pe-ru-na.



Hon. David Meekison is well known, not only in his own State but throughout America. He began his political career by serving four consecutive terms as Mayor of the town in which he lives, during which time he became widely known as the founder of the Meekison Bank of Napoleon, Ohio. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress by a very large majority, and is the acknowleged leader of his party in his section of the

State.

Only one flaw marred the otherwise complete success of this rising statesman. Catarrh with its insidious approach and tenacious grasp, was his only unconquered foe. For thirty years he waged unsuccessful warfare against this personal enemy. At last Peruna came to the rescue, and he dictated the following letter to Dr. Hartman as the result:

"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."-David Meekison, ex-Member of Congress.

THE season of catching cold is upon us. The cough and the sneeze and nasal twang are to be heard on every hand. The origin of chronic catarrh, the most common and dreadful of dis-

eases, is a cold. This is the way the chronic catarrh generally begins. A person catches cold, which hangs on longer than usual. The cold generally starts in the head and throat. Then follows sensitiveness of the air passages which incline one to catch air passages which incline one to catch cold very easily. At last the person has a cold all the while seemingly, more or less discharge from the nose, hawking, spitting, frequent clearing of the throat, nostrils stopped up, full feeling in the head and sore, inflamed throat.

The best time to treat catarrh is at the very beginning. A bottle of Peruna properly used never fails to cure a common cold, thus preventing chronic catarrh.

While many people have been cured of chronic catarrh by a single bottle of Peruna, yet, as a rule, when the catarrh Snedeker.

Peruna, vet, as a rule. becomes thoroughly fixed, more than one bottle is necessary to complete a cure. Peruna has cured cases innumerable of catarrh of twenty years' standing. It is the best, if not the only internal remedy

for chronic catarrh in existence. But prevention is far better than cure. Every person subject to catching cold should take Peruna at once at the slightest symptom of cold or sore throat at this season of the year and thus prevent what is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh.

FIRE SCARE IN THEATRE.

BALTIMORE, March 5 .- Visions of a repetition of the Iroquois Theatre horror presented themselves to a mass of people packed in Ford's Grand Opera House this afternoon, and only the presence of mind of the attaches of the theatre and several cool heads in the audience prevented a great calamity The Saturday matinée is always a big day

posure and called to the others to sit down. The entire cast was brought to the footlights as though the play was still going on, and the orchestra struck up "Star Spangled Banner," "Dixie" and other popular melodies. In the meantime a squad of bluecoats forced a way through the struggling mass and by force and persuasion helped materially to restore order. suasion helped materially to restore order While the excitement was at its height

Mrs. A. Snedeker, Cartersville, Ga., writes:
"I saw that your catarrh remedy, Perruna, was doing others so much good that I thought I would try it and see what it would do for me. My

symptoms now, because I have had the disease so long that I had none of the aches and pains, but a

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only.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice

gratis.
Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

Catastrophe Narrowly Averted by Quick Rush of Policemen.

The Saturday matinee is always a big day at this house, but the attendance this afternoon was of the record breaking order. "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" was the play, and the audience, which occupied every seat in the big auditorium, was composed mostly of women and children.

The curtain had just risen for the first act when a man came in with a lighted cigar. Instead of throwing it away he thrust it into his coat pocket and took a seat in the orchestra. In a few moments his coat began to smoke and the odor of burning cloth was noticed. The cry of fire arose and soon the entire theatre was in an uproar. Men, women and children, shrieking, screaming and fighting, struggled toward the exits. For a time it looked as though a catastrophe would happen. Then some regained their composure and called to the others to sit down. The entire cast was brought to the footents.

former Chief William McAfee, who dis-tinguished himself in the recent big fire, sprang upon the stage and urged the panicsprang upon the stage and urged the panic-stricken people to resume their seats. It was a terrible half an hour while it lasted. When order was restored the audience returned and the play went on. The man with the cigar disappeared and his identity remains a mystery.

faces and several fainting spells, no damage Ever since the Iroquois fire extra precau-Ever since the froquois fire extra precau-tions have been taken at the theatre to insure quick exit in the event of trouble. Just as soon as the cry arose every door flew open as if by magic, permitting the people to pour out en masse into the big lobby. Had the doors been bolted as in former times the loss of life would have

Beyond some torn dresses, a few scrached

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